

In use as a disassembled recreational product, either or both of the wing-like body 12 and the fuselage or tail section 14 may be used. The wing-like section 12 may be put to use as a wakeboard or surfboard or water ski being towed by the boat 46. The fuselage or tail section 14 may be used as a water ski or wakeboard, or inverted and used as a surfboard with the fins 48 being reversed to present their vertical edges forward.

In the claims:

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43. In a rider recreational product for skimming on water, sliding on snow, or flying through the air, a product first surface of a VELCRO-like component for engagement a human, and a second surface of a complementary VELCRO-like component carried by the human for coacting with the first surface.

Remarks/Arguments (37 CFR 1.111)

This is a preliminary amendment to convert the original application into a continuation-in-part application and to place the later in condition for allowance.

Claims 21-42 were pending in the original application and are pending in this continuation-in-part application. Claims 21-24 stand finally rejected. Claims 33 and 37 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Final Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Specification provided with the amendment filed 11/17/2000 was "finally objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure", the examiner alleging that "The original disclosure fails to support the new subject matter...": the filing on this continuation-in-part application renders the issue moot. Applicant continues to urge that the substitute specification did not involve new subject matter.

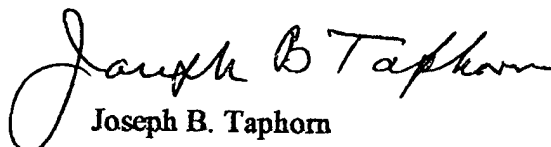
claim 21 and 38. Applicant has rendered this more clear by amending the preamble in claims 21 and 38 to specify a "product having a wing and a fuselage or tail section". Applicant urges that the rejection of claims 21 and 38 under 35 USC 102(b), is improper.

Regarding claims 22, 29 and 32; claim 23; claims 24, 36, 41 and 42; claims 25 and 26; claims 27 and 40; claim 28; claims 30 and 31; claim 34; and claims 35 and 39; applicant urges that these issues are moot in view of the patentability of the base claims.

Applicant notes the allowability of claims 33 and 37 if rewritten. Applicant believes that his amendments of the base and any intervening claims have overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph.

Wherefore the continuation-in-part application is deemed to have been placed in condition for allowance which favorable action at an earlier date is respectfully requested.

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